Achievements of the National Geophysical Research Institute

497. SHRI SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the significant achievements of the National Geophysical Research Institute;

(b) what are its major future programmes;

(c) whether it is a fact that the funds given to this institute are insufficient; and

(d) what steps are being taken to see that the institute runs well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Some of the significant achievements have been:

Detection and delineation of subtrappean, Mesozoic, possibly petroliferous, sediments in Saurashtra; identification of a promising gold mineralised zone in Karnataka; location of suitable sites for drilling of bore wells in more than 1500 villages; integrated geological and geophysical studies in Latur and Uttar Kashi earthquake regions and thermo mechanical modelling of the Indian plate.

(b) The major programmes tp be undertaken during Ninth Plan are:

Exploration for hydrocarbons, coal, sources of gold, diamondiferous rocks; Development of ground, ship-borne and airborne geophysical instruments; Exploration & ^assessment of ground water resources; more reliable models for earthquake prediction and hazards assessment.

(c) No, Sir. In fact, the Institute is being provided grants with an average annual increase of around 15% since 1992-93. (b) Docs not aries.

Amount Allocated For Sanitation to Orissa

498. SHRI SANTAN BISI:" Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased t_0 state:

(a) what is the total amount allocated to Orissa under Rural Water Supply and Sanitation programmes during 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(b) what has been the year-wise achievement under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) The total amount allocated to the State Government of Orissa under Rural Water Supply Programme and Central Rural Sanitation Programme during 1993-94 and 1994-95 was as under:

(Rs, in lakhs)

	1993-94	1994-95
ARWSP	2160.0	2434.0
CRSP	110.54	221.0

(b) The achievement during the above two years was as below:

	1993-94	1994-95
No. of villages/ habitations covered with safe drinking water facilities under ARWSP and Minimum Needs Programme (MNP)	5460	7351
No. of sanitary latrines constructed with CRSP funds.	NIL	1417